

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (previously amended): A tailgate step, comprising:

at least a first support member, the first support member having a first end and a second end, the second end of the first support member comprising a first portion of a first hinge;

at least a first step member, the first step member attached to the first end of the first support member;

at least a first support member storage channel, the first support member storage channel having a first end and a second end, at least a portion of the first support member storage channel disposed within the tailgate and operable to contain at least a portion of the first support member, the second end of the first support member channel proximate to an edge of the tailgate and comprising a second portion of the first hinge, the second portion of the first hinge including a first contact surface, the first and second portions of the first hinge pivotally engaged by a first hinge pin; and

a first step member storage channel, the first step member storage channel communicating with the first end of the first support member storage channel, at least a portion of the first step member storage channel disposed within the tailgate and operable to contain at least a portion of the first step member, the first support member and the